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Re: General Correspondence  
Drinking Water Program

Peter Grevatt  
U.S. EPA Headquarters  
William Jefferson Clinton Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW (4601M)  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Grevatt:

Ohio is home to one of the first experiences with perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) with the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. (DuPont) Washington Works facility in Parkersburg, West Virginia, that at least in part, triggered the first provisional health advisory (HA). Ground water studies in nearby counties in Ohio resulted in U.S. EPA's settlement with DuPont in 2009 that included treatment of public and private drinking water sources to meet the established HA.

It is evident that U.S. EPA intends to issue a new HA for PFOA, as well as for PFOS, soon and I want to clearly articulate Ohio's expectations relative to implementing the new HA in our state. Upon issuance of a new HA levels, I expect U.S. EPA to lead any efforts to amend the 2009 consent order U.S. EPA signed with E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. as U.S. EPA negotiated the original order and oversaw its implementation and compliance.

Additionally, recently Ohio learned U.S. EPA detected PFOS at Wright Patterson Air Force Base as part of its UCMR 4C sampling actions. Upon learning of this, Ohio EPA requested U.S. EPA to implement a plan for Wright Patterson Air Force Base which includes strategies for protecting Dayton's nearby drinking water wellfield. Ohio is still awaiting your response.

As U.S. EPA prepares to release a new HAs, Ohio expects U.S. EPA to implement mitigation strategies for sites such as these, including identifying laboratory capacity which does not exist and is very limited nationally and developing advisory language. Ohio EPA anticipates all responses to exceedance of the new HA to be similar U.S. EPA response to the DuPont settlement.

We look forward to your action plan for known and potential PFOA/PFOS sites. Ohio can assist U.S. EPA in identifying potential sites for its response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Butler", written over a horizontal line.

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